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Dr. Randall J. Webb, President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

The 1999 - 2000 academic year has wrapped up at Northwestern and it has been another outstanding year for your alma mater.

We have continued to make steady progress in strengthening our academic programs and gaining national attention for the work our faculty and staff are doing. Twenty-eight of our 32 eligible academic programs have earned national accreditation, and by the time you read this we hope two more programs will have gained accreditation. We are also working to gain this distinction for the remaining programs by next year.

This past year, five programs, the Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts, the Master of Education concentration in educational technology, the Louisiana Scholars' College and the Master of Science in Nursing nurse practitioner concentration were designated as Areas of Excellence. The Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology was designated as an emerging program.

These Areas of Excellence, as well as other academic programs at the university, are being encouraged to seek external funding through private and corporate donations and grants and contracts. One of my goals is to strive for national recognition of programs, faculty and students.

Northwestern also continues to become the university of choice for many of the state's top students. This past fall, we had the largest freshman class in Northwestern's history. And along with increasing the size of the class, we got a quality class, getting 46 percent more high school valedictorians and 32 percent more salutatorians.

In the months to come, I will be discussing with you some of our plans for Northwestern's future. We have been working for several months to come up with a plan that will help the university achieve new heights. These plans will require the support of our alumni and friends. I know each of you wants Northwestern to be an even better place in the decades to come. I look forward to sharing those plans with you.

Chris Maggio, Director
Alumni Affairs

Fellow Northwestern Graduates and Friends:

The Spring 2000 semester has been an exciting and fast-paced one for Northwestern State University and your Alumni Association. The academic programs, under the leadership of Dr. Randall J. Webb, continue to get stronger, and the extra-curricular activities on campus are non-stop. I am amazed and proud of the talent level of our students. To watch them in action at concerts, recitals, plays and athletic competitions is truly amazing. We have some really outstanding students who will one day become leaders in their field.

Your Alumni Association has also been busy this spring. We hosted 10 alumni/recruiting receptions, during which Northwestern alumni opened their homes to fellow alumni, prospective students and their parents. Overall we visited with more than 1,000 students and parents who are looking forward to their experience at Northwestern. I really appreciate the alumni who hosted these events. The receptions were a tremendous success, and we could not have done it without them. Also the local alumni chapter functions were great. It was exciting to watch friends get together and share stories about NSU.

I want to say a special thank you to the Class of 1950. Our Golden Jubilee weekend was fantastic, as more than 60 members of this class came back to campus for the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Northwestern. They toured the town and campus and received their 50-year diploma at the commencement ceremony. I had a great time and enjoyed hosting them immensely.

Finally, a reminder that our Annual Fund Drive begins in August. I want to thank everyone who has been supportive of the drive in the past, and I encourage all other alumni to support this effort. Alumni relations at Northwestern are at an all-time high, and your gifts are a tremendous help to the university.

I hope you all have a great summer, and please stay in contact with us.



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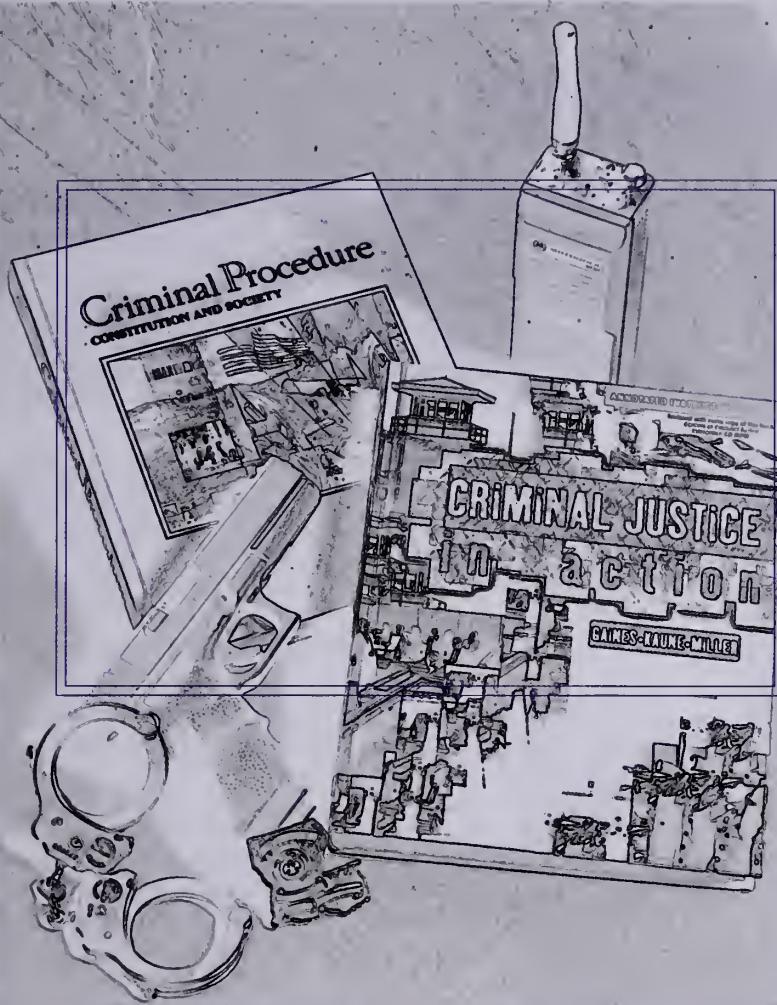
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Newest degree program at Northwestern also one of the fastest growing

One of the newest academic programs at Northwestern is in a field undergoing some dramatic changes.

NSU's program in criminal justice has grown quickly since its creation in 1997 and now has more than 250 majors in the associate or bachelor's program. Students prepare for careers in law enforcement, probation and parole work, private security and related areas at the local, state and federal levels and with private companies.

"There are many jobs available in the field that have good pay and benefits," said Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Joe Morris, who joined Northwestern's faculty after a career with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. "Law enforcement is moving into a more professional stage. Many agencies are requiring a college degree or a certain number of credit hours before they will hire an individual. The profession is focusing more on problem solving and college training is helpful in developing those skills."

NSU's associate degree program provides basic courses in policing, adjudication and corrections along with classes in general education. The program is designed to allow students to easily move into the bachelor's program which includes classes in sociology, psychology and political science.

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—Randall Royals, C.J. major

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"As I was looking at career options, I found I was way behind the power curve," said Randall Royals of Anacoco, a former military policeman. "The program has allowed me to catch up on the latest trends and concepts in law enforcement."

Royals feels the course work in sociology and psychology is very important for those who work with the public.

"You study why man does what he does," said Royals. "It was a real eye opener to go beyond the facts of a case and understand feelings shared by millions of people all over the world."

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Changes in law enforcement have also opened up the professions to women.

"When I graduated from high school in 1980, it wasn't acceptable for a woman to go into law enforcement, so I got a degree in nursing," said Margaret Pickett of Coushatta, who will earn an associate degree in December. "I have a huge interest in criminal law. I had heard the lingo all my life."

The program should also see continued growth. This fall, the associate degree will be offered via the Internet, one of the first such offerings in Louisiana.

"This will be a very positive development for the program and law enforcement in Louisiana," said Morris. "We will be able to attract students from anywhere, and that will allow people to attend college who may not have had the opportunity to do so."

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NSU alumnus, political consultant fulfills graduation dream



Roy Fletcher

Roy Fletcher is living the dream he had for himself in Prather Coliseum on graduation night in 1973. He knew he wanted to be involved in politics, and he can honestly say he is succeeding.

"I wanted to be able to come back here someday as somewhat of a success and tell other Northwestern students that they can compete with graduates from larger, more prestigious universities throughout the nation," Fletcher said. "This is where it all started for me."

Fletcher has spent more than 20 years as a political consultant for clients in Louisiana and nine other states. He helped Mike Foster, a little-known state senator, win his 1995 election for governor and his reelection in 1999. Some of his other clients have included Congressmen John Cooksey and Jim McCrery. Through his Baton Rouge-based firm, Fletcher has been engaged on a professional basis in more than 375 political campaigns.

As he returned to his alma mater recently, he spoke of the impact an education from Northwestern State University can have on a person's life.

"A graduate from Northwestern ... can compete with anyone," Fletcher told the students. "This is one of the best educations you can get. Everyone here produces, from the faculty and staff to the students."

Fletcher has worked with graduates of universities such as Harvard, but he never lets them "buffalo" him because he has a degree from Northwestern State. He also has never looked down on his alma mater, and said he returned to the campus "with a clear conscience."

Fletcher earned his bachelor's degree in political science from NSU in 1973. He earned a master's degree in political science from LSU and a juris doctorate from LSU Law Center.

He began his political consulting career with internationally known consultants Ray Strother, James Carville and Gus Weill, and recently served on U.S. Sen. John McCain's presidential team as deputy campaign manager and war room chief in Alexandria, Va.

Fletcher said his job is "like playing shortstop for the New York Yankees. I get paid to do something that I would probably do for free."

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College of Education receives NCATE reaffirmation

The education degree programs at Northwestern State University have received affirmation of reaccreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The reaffirmation covers the bachelor's degree programs leading to teacher certification and the master's degree programs which require accreditation. Those degree programs include the bachelor of arts in elementary education, bachelor of arts in special education, bachelor of science in secondary education, bachelor of arts in early childhood education, bachelor of music education in music education and the bachelor of science in physical education. Also accredited through NCATE are the Master of Education and the Specialist in Education degree programs.

All degree programs are available on Northwestern's Natchitoches campus, while the bachelor of science in early childhood education, the bachelor of arts in special education, the bachelor of arts in secondary education and some graduate degree programs in education are available at the University Center at England Airpark in Alexandria. The Master of Education program is also available through Northwestern's Leesville/Fort Polk campus.

Northwestern's programs were reaffirmed for five years. Northwestern first gained NCATE accreditation in 1954.

Dean of the College of Education Dr. John Tollett said it is increasingly important to have a teacher education program accredited through NCATE. Louisiana is a "partner" state with the accrediting agency, which allows for joint reviews of colleges of education by NCATE and the college itself. In addition, Tollett said only students who graduate from an accredited college of education is eligible for teacher certification.

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Building on the premise that ideas generate more ideas, and having his students work on projects that may lead to bigger projects, Dr. Martin Rudd believes in getting his students involved in research as undergraduates.

After spending the past two summers designing and identifying new molecules and working to control the speed of certain chemical reactions, Rudd shared many of his theories with his students and has used much of what he learned in the classroom.

For his scholarly and creative significance, as well as his originality, national, regional and local impact and the critical recognition by experts in the chemistry field, Rudd, an assistant professor of chemistry at Northwestern State University, was named the recipient of the 2000 Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

The Bailey Award is presented annually to a Northwestern faculty member for outstanding research and/or distinguished artistic performance or creative work substantially complete during the past three years.

Rudd received his undergraduate degree and his doctorate from University of Warwick, England. He has been a member of NSU's faculty since 1997.

From 1995 to 1997, Rudd was a Robert A. Welch Post Doctoral Fellow with the Department of Chemistry at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, with Professor F.G.A. Stone. During the 1994-95 academic year, he was a Post Doctoral Fellow in the Royal Society European Science Exchange Programme in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Bergen, Norway working in the group of Professor Steinar Husebye.

"To me, post-doctoral research was a vital part of my rounding as a chemist, as it allowed me to experience several different fields of chemistry in different parts of the world and build up a publications list of which I can be proud," Rudd said.

He has been a visiting scientist at the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Lab at Iowa State University for the past two summers under the supervision of Distinguished Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Angelici. Ames Lab is considered one of the country's premier research facilities in physical sciences and mathematics.

Rudd has been chosen for a 2000 National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship in solid state chemistry. Rudd will carry out his research in the Department of Chemistry at UCLA, working in the group of Dr. Rick Kaner.



Pictured left to right are Dr. Thomas Hanson, Dean of Graduate Studies & Research and Dr. Martin Rudd, recipient of the 2000 Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

"I chose to work with Dr. Kaner as his research projects have the closest links to my background in inorganic chemistry," Rudd added. "It is a tremendous opportunity for me personally and for curriculum development in the Department of Chemistry and Physics here at NSU."

Rudd said the NSF program, which is open to all chemistry faculty including those from larger research universities, allows faculty and students to learn about solid state chemistry from experts in the field and to see how this knowledge is applied in the laboratory. Solid state chemistry is one of the most important areas of current research as new semiconductors, magnetic materials and catalysts are being developed.

In doing his research, Rudd looks for new projects and ways for his students to become more active in the research process.

"I prefer for them to work on novel projects, the results of which can be published," Rudd said. "And many of the projects they are doing may lead to other projects. Ideas stimulate new ideas. I have been blessed with great students with whom to work at Northwestern. They may come to work in my research laboratory with little idea of what chemistry research involves, but leave with a fine background in synthetic chemistry. I have had the opportunity to build up a research group where knowledge is now being passed from student to student. That is a great feeling!"

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A new book by Northwestern State University faculty member James Cruise may cause scholars to re-examine more than four decades of scholarship about the origins of novels.

The book, "Governing Consumption: Needs and Wants, Suspended Characters, and the 'Origins' of Eighteenth-Century English Novels," has been published by



Cruise

Bucknell University Press. Cruise is an assistant professor of English at NSU.

Cruise, who earned his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania, joined NSU's faculty last fall. He has been on the faculty at Villanova, the University of Pennsylvania, St. Anselm College and Purdue.

He began his project in an attempt to understand the role the commercial economy played in the development of the period novel. As Cruise continued his research, he began to believe the existing theories about the origin of the novel were in error.

Most scholarship has been based on theories advanced by Ian Watt, the author of "The Rise of the Novel: Studies in Defoe, Richardson and Fielding," which was published in 1957. In his book, Watt concludes that what most readers think of as the novel did not exist prior to the 18th century.

"I took exception to that point of view," said Cruise. "A long tradition of prose fiction in the West predated the 18th century novel. Classical scholars, for instance, talk about the existence of the novel in ancient Greece and Rome. In addition, histories of the

novel from early in the 20th century, such as Ernest Bake's, fill volumes before arriving at the 18th century."

According to Cruise, it wasn't the novel that was new to the period, but the way characters were portrayed.

"The novelists began to develop more complex characters," said Cruise. "Before the 18th century, the characters tended to be flat and one-dimensional. They were not characters as much as they were typed identities. They did not act with ulterior motives. During the 18th century, characters with more depth began to develop."

Cruise also examined factors that led to this character development. He found that the forces of commercial consumerism were the catalyst.

"In my research I immersed myself in the documentary history of economic thought, from mercantilism to free-trade and political economy, so that I could understand the impact of consumer demand, of wanting and needing; the moral crises that ensued from this phenomenon; and the intellectual ferment it caused," said Cruise. "These processes of change, I argue, are realized in the genuinely complex characters that appear among those writers Watt first dealt with in "The Rise of the Novel."

Cruise's book is available from area bookstores or from several on-line bookstores.

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Looking Back

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As Northwestern continues to improve on the methods of delivery of course work, we are again reminded of the many changes that have occurred at the University throughout its 116 years of existence. As we continue "Looking Back," we again take a look at some of those memorable occurrences, through photographs and excerpts from articles which were included in some of the first editions of the Columns.

"On March 17, (1947) Northwestern State College petitioned the State Board of Education for exclusive authorization to confer the master's degree for teachers and to offer graduate courses needed by teachers to earn the master's degree.

It will be noted that the petition of the College asked for 'exclusive' authorization to offer master's degrees for teachers. This language was used because it was felt that if all the state colleges were to be given this privilege, it would not justify any college in developing a worthwhile graduate school."

In 1982, to raise \$8,000 for new equipment to expand the station's power from 10 to 250 watts, KNWD-FM held a 54-hour radiothon. To raise the funds, Ginny Whitaker and Curt Boudreaux climbed atop the columns of the Bullard Mansion, where they remained for the entire 54 hours. Only about \$1,650 was raised, but the event was considered a success.



Students are provided Oracle's database management software



Computer information systems students at Northwestern will get to work with some of the latest database management software used by business and industry while in the classroom. The College of Business has received a \$2.7 million software grant from the Oracle Corporation for use in the computer information systems curriculum.

NSU was provided with the latest versions of programs including Designer 2000 used for data modeling, Developer 2000 for client server applications and Discoverer 2000, a data mining program used

with a company's web site.

"These are the same tools industry is using," said NSU Professor of Computer Information Systems Dr. Claude Simpson. "By having access to these tools, students will be positioned to function in business and industry after graduation."

These software grants are made only to institutions with an Oracle master, a faculty member who has taken a required number of training courses from Oracle, one of the world's leading software companies. Simpson is an Oracle master. The company has the top selling database management software and the number two selling software.

"This grant was made possible because of the total commitment to the computer information systems program and Dr. Simpson's presence at NSU," said Dr. Carroll D. Aby Jr., dean of the College of Business. "Access to this software will be of tremendous help to our students and will help us attract the best students to our program."

NSU's Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems is one of the university's designated Unique Areas of Excellence. Students study in four component areas: information engineering, client/server, database management and telecommunications. The program was one of the first undergraduate curriculums in the nation to use the computer

aided software engineering approach.

"Software companies receive a great benefit from making this software available," said Simpson. "There are thousands of unfilled jobs in the CIS field. Students who train on this software will use it on the job which will lead to more sales in the future."

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Folk Festival included in Local Legacies Project



The Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival has been selected for inclusion in the Library of Congress' Bicentennial Celebration: Local Legacies Project. The Local Legacies Project is designed to document and to pay tribute to the nation's rich cultural heritage. The Library of Congress fosters community projects to ensure that future generations will have access to important cultural "snapshots" of American tradition, folklore, and everyday life. The American Folklife Center received images from each congressional district. The Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival was chosen from the Fourth Congressional District.

"This is quite an honor for the Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival to be included in this project," said Dr. Lisa Abney, director of the Louisiana Folklife Center. "This provides the festival with national exposure. This recognition also says a great deal about our folk artists, who are vital to the success of the festival."

This year's Festival theme is "Folk Tradition in the New Millennium." The Festival is scheduled for July 21-22 in air-conditioned Prather Coliseum on Northwestern's Natchitoches Campus. The event has been designated twice as one of the Top Twenty Events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourist Commission. For more information call (318) 357-4332.

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College of Education's Hall of Fame initiation and reunion planned as part of "Homecoming 2000" activities

Teachers, administrators and other Northwestern State University graduates in the field of education will be honored during a reunion set for Oct. 21. The reunion and the first initiation into the College of Education's Hall of Fame will be part of the Homecoming 2000 festivities.

The College of Education and the Alumni Association are hosting the weekend's activities, which will include a breakfast, campus tours, demonstrations of the latest in educational technology, a tailgate party and group seating at the football game.

Charter members of the College of Education's Hall of Fame will be

inducted during the reunion. The Hall of Fame, which will be housed in the Teacher Education Center, will honor Northwestern graduates who have distinguished themselves in the field of education.

In addition, the College of Education is updating its database. Any education graduate who may not receive correspondence related to the reunion or other education news should contact the Alumni Center to update their graduate information. Updates may be sent to Chris Maggio, NSU Alumni Center, Natchitoches, La. 71497, by phone at (888) 799-6486 or by e-mail at maggioc@alpha.nsula.edu.

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Members of the Class of 1950 revisited their Northwestern years May 5 and 6 as part of the University's Golden Jubilee celebration during commencement exercises. They were honored guests at several events, including the 50+ Alumni Club luncheon on Saturday, May 6. Members of the class attending included:

Mai L. Abington, Gabriel J. Barkate, John H. Brydels, Julia O. Cain, Alida Bishop Casey, Fred Y. Clark, Shirley J. Clark, Harry H. Creech, Victor Rabb Cross, Robert W.

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Alumni trip to Central Florida set for Sept. 7

A trip for alumni, family and friends of Northwestern State University is being planned in conjunction with the Demons' football game against the University of Central Florida in Orlando on Sept. 9.

Chris Maggio, director of alumni affairs, said plans are to fly to central Florida on Sept. 7 and return Sept. 10. The highlight of the long weekend will be the 6 p.m. ET football game at the Citrus Bowl. Maggio is also working to arrange for a visit to one of Orlando's many theme parks and attractions.

Anyone interested in going on the trip should call the Alumni Center at (888) 799-6486 for more information.

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More than 200 people turned out for an alumni/recruiting reception in the home of NSU alumni Dan and Lilly Chase in Baton Rouge. Chase, a 1957 graduate, was inducted into Northwestern's Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, last year.



NSU alumni Will and Misti Wainwright visit with students at an alumni/recruiting reception held in the home of Ricky and Julie Walmsley in Covington.



John Brewton (Class of '54) and his wife, Jackie (Class of '55) enjoy themselves at a crawfish boil for alumni from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The crawfish boil was held at the home of alumni David and Kim Wright. More than 85 alumni attended the event.



Dr. Dan Seymour, NSU's vice president for student affairs, visits with Scott and Sandy Hale of Kilgore, Texas, during an alumni gathering in the home of NSU alumnus Rachel Brian and her husband, Don.



NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb socializes with Northwestern alumnus Ann Deshotels and her husband, Dr. S.J. Deshotels Jr., at a reception in the couple's home in Alexandria. The reception was held in recognition of prospective students.

The NSU Alumni Association and the Office of Admissions and Recruiting held an alumni/recruiting reception for prospective students from the Many area in the home of Julian Foy.



The NSU Alumni Association hosted GradFest 2000 in the Ballroom of the Friedman Student Union on campus recently. NSU seniors were able to prepare for graduation by ordering caps and gowns and class rings as well as signing up for the Alumni Association and preparing for post-graduation jobs.

A reception for prospective students from the Winnfield area was held in the home of NSU alumni Don and Jane Purser (far right). More than 1,000 high school students from throughout Louisiana and East Texas were honored during receptions organized by the NSU Alumni Association and the Office of Admissions and Recruiting.



The home of NSU alumnus Lenn Prince and her husband, Danny, was the site of one of 10 gatherings held throughout Louisiana and east Texas for NSU alumni and prospective students.



Northwestern alumni Jimmy Patterson (Class of 1959) and his wife, Rosemary, hosted one of several alumni/recruiting receptions at their home in Shreveport this spring. In addition to prospective NSU freshmen and their parents, fellow alumni, Northwestern staff and others attended the receptions, including head football coach Sam Goodwin and Johanna Miller with Hibernia National Bank.

Northwestern alumni, prospective students from the Natchitoches area and their parents mingle in the home of NSU alumni Joe Jr. and Terri Cunningham during an alumni/recruiting reception in March.

1920

Mae Pitchford Courtney retired from teaching in 1966. She lives in Bossier City and will be 100 years old in September 2000.

1933

Martha Carroll Melton received a master's degree from NSU in 1962. She retired from teaching and is currently living in Shreveport. She has eight children, fourteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

1934

Velma Knowles is a retired teacher. She lives in Longview, Texas, where she is a volunteer at Pine Tree School and Good Shepard Medical Center. She is also on the budget committee at Greggton First Baptist Church and president of her Sunday School Class. Velma has two children, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

1940

Maggie Howard has two children. She is retired and lives in Alexandria.

1942

Winifred Hilliard Owens received a master's degree from NSU in 1960 and married NSU graduate Cecil Winston Owens (1946). Winifred and Cecil live in Shreveport. They have been married for 55 years and have one daughter who is also a graduate of NSU. Winifred taught for 56 years and is now a counselor for both Grawood Christian School in Keithville and Plain Dealing Academy in Plain Dealing. Cecil retired after being principal of Claiborne Elementary School, Hillsdale Elementary School, and Trinity Heights Christian Academy.

1945

Mary Campbell retired from the Calcasieu Parish School Board in Lake Charles. She lives in Sulphur and has two children.

1950

Hugh "Doc" Watson Jr. is married and has two children. He was the senior vice president of Occidental Petroleum Corporation in Tulsa, Okla.

Walter "Mickey" Sandefur III received a master's degree from NSU in 1954. He married Ernestine Oquinn Sandefur who attended NSU in 1950. They have two children and two grandchildren. Walter is a professor, department chair, and associate dean at the University of Texas in Denton.

1955

Jo Ann Hayes Wiggins lives in Alvin, Texas, and has one child. She is a patient advocate at the Columbia Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in Webster.

1961

Bill Robinson is married and has two children. He is an orthodontist in Sherman, Texas.

1963

Davis Bland Jr. retired after working for BASF Corp., IBM, and NASA in informational services. He married Carolyn Reynolds Bland who attended NSU in 1960. They live in Shreveport and have three children and one grandchild.

G. Douglas Harkness is retired and lives in Birmingham, Ala. He is married and has three children and four grandchildren.

1967

H. Gary Patrick and his wife live in Bossier City. They have two children. He is an estimator for Berg, Inc. in Shreveport.

Wiley Merrill Cummings Jr. lives in Many where he works in student personnel services for the Louisiana Technical College Sabine Valley Campus. He is married and has two children and two grandchildren.

1968

Joseph Thomas (Tommy) Lewis III retired from IBM and is currently employed by Lockheed Martin Corp in Houston, Texas as a software engineer. He married Cheryl Wood Lewis (1969). Cheryl is a primary school teacher in Alvin. They live in Friendswood and have three children.

R. J. "Jerry" Smith was the assistant gymnastics coach for Sunny Martinez and Armando Vega while attending NSU. He now coaches at Old Dominion University and LSU and serves as director of administrative services for Executive Aviation in Baton Rouge.

Sharon Shepherd is married. She and her husband live in Gibsland and have two children. Sharon is a senior services account representative for Entergy.

1969

Robert Talmadge married Jill Foshee Talmadge (1969). They live in Houston, Texas, and have two children. Robert works for the Houston Flight Standards Office in Houston. He is the supervisory principal operations inspector for Continental Airlines.

1970

Katherine (Kathy) Smith Johnson is a RN at the Memorial Hermann/Memorial City in Houston, Texas. She is married and has two children.

Shelia Johnson Jones married Rev. Joe Allen Jones (1970). They live in Shreveport and have one child and two grandchildren. Shelia teaches third grade at North DeSoto Elementary School in Stonewall.

Thomas "Tom" Crout Jr. married Patricia Rhea Brewster (1983). They live in Kingwood, Texas, and have two children. Thomas has been working for Arkla Gas (now Reliant Energy) for 20 years, and for 15 years he has been the company's vice president of human resources in various business units. Thomas is currently completing an MBA at Houston Baptist University.

1971

Anne Owens is a kindergarten teacher at Plantation Park Elementary School and church hostess at Airline Baptist Church in Bossier City. Anne and her husband have four children one of which is also a graduate of Northwestern State University.

Carolyn Breedlove received her master's degree from NSU in 1999 and is now the executive director of the Kent Plantation House in Alexandria. She lives in Natchitoches and has two children.

1974

Gary Lampert is a technology asset manager for Arthur Andersen LLP in Sarasota, Fla.

Judy DeBlieux Knecht married NSU graduate Gene Knecht Jr. (1975). They live in Baker and have two children. Judy works for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. She is a sixth grade math teacher at Park Forest Middle School.

Norman Neel is the director of information technology for Equiva Services LLC. He married Phyllis Knight Neel (1975). They live in Katy, Texas, and have one child.

Randy Jones was a major in the US army before moving from Petaluma, Calif., to Franklin, Tenn., where he is now employed with Vanderbilt University Medical Center as their records manager and archivist. Randy has been married 17 years.

1976

Claire Almand Evans was a teacher for 20 years. She now conducts radio research with her husband's company. They live in Marshall, Texas, and have one child.

1978

Marydale Shaver Adams lives in Corsicana, Texas, with her husband and four boys. She is the coordinator of the Family Services Association and is involved with a number of local boards, committees, and councils.

1980

Julie Dellucky Lay has one child and lives in Terrytown. She is a librarian at Harry S. Truman Middle School in Marrero.

LaMon Marchbanks Jr. has been married 17 years and has two children. He is the quality control manager for Conductive Containers Inc., and lives in St. Louis Park, Minn.

1981

Clifton Bolgiano is married and lives in Youngsville. He and his wife have three children. Clifton is a national accounts manager for Ocular Sciences, Inc.

Donald Tessier is a civil technician designer for GRW Engineers Inc. in Lexington, Ky. He is married and has four children.

1982

Melaney Mydland Stein works at the Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind in Raleigh, N.C., as director of rehabilitation services. She is married and lives in Apex, where she and her husband are actively involved in their community through church organizations.

1984

Arthur Bush lives in San Augustine, Texas, where he is a teacher at San Augustine Intermediate School and a sports writer for the San Augustine Tribune.

1985

Craig Poleman is a private loans manager at Sallie Mae Student Loan Servicing Corporation in Killeen, Texas. Craig married Bridget Bella Poleman who was a former counselor at NSU. They live in Cedar Park, Texas, and have one child.

Dane Broussard is married and lives in Houston, Texas. He is an alliance manager for FMC Energy Systems.

Donnie Purser is the director of technical services for Middleby Cooking Systems Group. She is married and has two children. They live in South Elgin, Ill.

1986

Mindy Holman Lucas graduated from Northwestern's School of Nursing. She lives in Cypress, Texas.

Tom Trowell lives in Ft. Carson, Colo., where he is employed by Dominion Management Services/Ft. Carson Oil Analysis Lab.

1988

Angela Griffith Harris and her husband live in Menlo Park, Calif. Their first child was born on November 21, 1999.

1989

Doris Fultz Sanders is a planning and zoning assistant for the City of Natchitoches. She is married and has two children. Her daughter attends NSU.

James Luck married NSU graduate Leah Clark Luck (1989). They live in Chesapeake, Va., and have three children. James is a network integrations officer in the US army at Norfolk Naval Base.

1990

Dana Young Mathis lives in Natchitoches and has two children. She and her husband are co-owners of an electrical contracting business, Mathis L.L.C.

Rangi Lim is married and lives in Louisville, Ky. He is a physician at Suburban Hospital.

Roberto Fiallos is in the lumber business making Honduras mahogany doors for export to USA. He lives in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Shannon JuWan Greer lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. She has been working at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Hawaii for five years. She is a program specialist in the community and government relations department. She is also part of the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii.

1991

AnnMarie Schneider Wolfe married Stephen Wolfe (1990). She is a kindergarten teacher at Whispering Forest Elementary in Slidell. She and her husband live in Covington and have two children.

Tracy Favre lives in Metairie and is a physical therapist for the Rehab Institute of New Orleans.

Virtie O'Bier Miller retired after teaching for 32 years. She was a first grade teacher for the Webster Parish School Board in Minden. She lives in Longview, Texas, and has two children.

William Johnson lives in Canyon, Texas, where he is a wetlands biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

1992

Carletta Anthony Jones teaches fourth and fifth grade language arts at Provencal Elementary. Carletta married Jones Horace who attended NSU from 1975-1977. They have one child.

Linda Davis received a master's degree from NSU in 1994. She is a resident of Little Rock, Ark., and is a training and team development specialist for Acxiom Corporation in Conway.

Michelle Fuller lives in Prairieville. She is a social worker for Gambro Health Care in Gonzales, Donaldsonville, and Luling.

Richard "Trey" McMillian III married Janine Lutes McMillan who also graduated from NSU in 1992. They live in Bossier City and have two daughters. Richard is director of the Caddo Parish Animal and Mosquito Control, and Janine works part-time as an accountant for Grigsby Petroleum Inc. in Shreveport.

Richard Slay is married, lives in Cary, N.C., and has one child. He is employed by Nortel Networks as manager of DMS-100 Global Support.

1993

Cheryl Givan LaSource lives in Madison, Miss., with her husband and three children. She is a RN in the newborn nursery at River Oaks Woman's Hospital in Jackson.

Cindy Beshea is employed by Virtual Village Inc. in Dallas, Texas, as a senior accountant.

Marsha Crnkovic is a RN at FMC Desoto Dialysis Clinic in Mansfield. She has one child and lives in Frierson.

Rhonda Regouffre lives in Lafayette where she works as a speech therapist.

Yolonda Craig Laroux is married and has four children. She lives in Zwolle and teaches fifth and sixth grade special education at Zwolle Int. School. She is currently pursuing a master's degree at NSU.

1994

Angela Stallworth Williams is the office manager at Chapital Cardiology Clinic in New Orleans. She married Leonard Williams (1993).

Janet Quick Waquespack and her husband have one child. They live in Baton Rouge where Janet is an attorney with the Capital Area Legal Services, Inc. and Save our Wetlands, Inc.

Jennifer Zimmerle is an account executive for Combined Investigators Inc. in Atlanta, Ga.

Lawrence Scott of Staten Island, N.Y., is a child protective specialist for the Administration for Children's Services.

1995

Anthony Land married 1993 NSU graduate Celeste Crittle Land. They have two children and live in Zachary. Anthony is president of Land & Land Enterprises, Inc. in Norwood.

Bonnye Busbice is married and lives in Seymour, Ind., where she is a customer service representative for Jackson Co. Bank.

Debi Cost lives in Hermosa Beach, Calif. She is a senior marketing associate for Paciolan Systems in Long Beach.

Jayson Hayes is an offensive coordinator/head power-lifting coach at Silsbee High School. He lives in Beaumont, Texas.

1996

Anna Daniel Harper is a medical sales representative for Alcon Pharmaceuticals in Shreveport.

Brad Thibodaux lives in Houma where he works for Guarnaty Broadcast. He is an account executive and has the number one rated show on the market. Brad also teaches confirmation classes at his church.

Michael Dyess is a clinical support specialist for Arrow International in Reading, Pa.

Rhonda Neswald McCalip has three children and lives in Cedar Crest, N.M. Rhonda received a master's degree from NSU in 1998. She is now a doctoral student and works as a graduate supervisor at the University of New Mexico.

1997

Tracy Draper lives in Savannah, Mo.

Tracy Mitchell is engaged to be married. She lives in Bossier City where she is a group sales manager for Horseshoe Casino Hotel.

1998

Aimee' Anne Shelton teaches English at Plain Dealing Academy in Plain Dealing. She also sings with a professional band and gives private music lessons. On June 10, 2000, she married Rodger Sexton (attended NSU). They live in Bossier City.

Darryl Evans lives in Shreveport. He is a teacher and band director for Caddo Parish Public Schools.

Dominique Martin McLaren is an administrative aide with Central Michigan University at Fort Polk where she is pursuing a master's degree of science in administration with a concentration in human resources.

Donald Hardin is the assistant band director for the Kilgore Independent School District for grades sixth-twelfth and is active in the East Texas Symphonic Band. He lives in Longview.

Lt. Jeremy Brunet of the United States Army is a member of the aviation branch stationed in Ft. Rucker, Ala., where he completed flight school and was reassigned to Korea. Jeremy married Dawn Knox who will be attending Northwestern State University in the Fall.

Leslie Wilson is a staff accountant for Blaine C. Hebert, CPA in Alexandria. She lives in Jonesville.

R. Kathleen Salard lives in Lena and is engaged to be married. She is a legal secretary for William M. Ford Law Office in Alexandria. Theresa Billiot Speights married 1960 NSU graduate Enoch Speights. They have three children and live in Many where Theresa is an eligibility determina-

tions examiner for the Sabine Parish Family Office.

1999

Casey Shannon is an assistant executive housekeeper for Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Ga. He married Kate Fulton Shannon (1999). They live in Lawrenceville and have one child.

Casey Williams lives in Melrose and is married to Carla Hassan (1999). They have two sons. Casey is employed at the NSU Aquaculture Research Center as a research associate and serves as 2000 Exalted Ruler of the Natchitoches B.P.O. Elks Lodge.

Gregory Romero is currently working in the Education Community Outreach Department of the Dallas Theater Center. He lives in Arlington, Texas.

Lesley Roberts lives in Natchitoches. She is a graduate assistant for the SAB office here at Northwestern.

Patrick Martin is married and has one child. They live in Florien. Patrick is an investment representative for Edward Jones Investments in Many.

Linda Davis works for Acxiom Corporation in Conway, Ark., as associate developer. She lives in Little Rock.

In Memory

'26 Camelia J. Dethloff, Natchitoches, Feb. 25, 2000.

'31 Flossie Chatelain, Baton Rouge, Jan. 26, 2000.

'31 William P. Brumfield, Baton Rouge, Feb. 8, 2000.

'38 Marjorie Patterson Seshul, Alexandria, March 9, 2000.

'45 Pauline Holland "Polly" Orcutt, Dallas, Texas, Feb. 19, 2000.

'45 S. T. Sibley, Natchitoches,
Feb. 20, 2000.

'46 Calvin Murphy, Monroe,
Nov. 7, 1999.

'47 Clea T. Campbell, Sulphur,
Dec. 8, 1999.

'53 JoAnn Gandy MilBurn,
March 12, 2000.

Smiley Scholarship Fund is established

Family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Barry A. Smiley, who established the first endowments in Northwestern State University's College of Business, are working to create two funds in memory of Smiley.

"He was such an integral part of our university and the College of Business," said Mary Lynn Wilkerson, director of the Small Business Development Center at NSU. "Barry spent a great deal of time trying to raise money to assist his faculty. This is our way of continuing that gift."

Wilkerson said former students and fellow faculty members hope to have the funds to establish the Barry Smiley Marketing Professorship within two years. A total of \$60,000 in contributions are needed to create an endowed professorship. That sum is matched by an additional \$40,000 from the Board of Regents' Support Fund.

A scholarship which had previously been established as the Shirley Smiley Scholarship is being renamed the Barry and Shirley Smiley Scholarship fund. The scholarship will now be available to qualified nursing or business majors, Wilkerson said.

Smiley, who died April 15 after a brief illness, served as dean of the College of Business at Northwestern from 1990 through 1998. Under his guidance, the College of Business earned accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs and the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

In addition to his professional career, Smiley was active in the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce and other civic and community activities.

For more information on the two endowments, call Wilkerson at (318) 357-5858 or the NSU Foundation at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

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Name: _____
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As Northwestern alumni are aware, the columns of the old Bullard Mansion serve as an unofficial symbol of the University. Many photos of the campus include the columns. And many memories of the campus are triggered by the mention of those columns.

Now Northwestern alumni Gene and Maxine Johnson of Bossier City have a continuous reminder of their days at Northwestern — in their front yard. The 15-foot replica of the columns was designed and built by Gene Johnson, a 1963 graduate of Northwestern. He dedicated them to his wife, Maxine, who is a 1962 graduate and an associate professor of nursing at Northwestern's Shreveport campus.

Johnson said he put "a lot of emotion" into the columns, which took almost a month to complete.

"Northwestern has meant a lot to me, and Maxine lives for it. Northwestern gave me a real good start, I like columns (the couple has 50 columns on their home), and it was the 50th anniversary of Northwestern's nursing program — those ideas came together, and I decided that this was what I wanted to do. I've been so pleased with them."

Mrs. Johnson thought her husband was laying the foundation for a flagpole, but when the second and third base appeared, she figured out what he was doing. After the columns were completed, an "unveiling" ceremony and lunch was held for faculty from the Shreveport campus.

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